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DAYTONA is situated upon the west bank of the Halifax River at its widest expanse and midway between its source at Haulover Bay and its outlet at Mosquito Inlet. It is in latitude 29, seventy-four miles from St. Augustine and one mile from the Atlantic ocean, and is acknowledged to be without a rival for beauty among the villages of the South. Its site is upon what is known as high hammock land that was crowned by nature with a most royal growth of majestic forest trees, and among these trees is the town of today, with its beautiful cottages and well-graded walks and streets. The result is that all about the wide avenues that intersect the town are lovely live and water oaks and hickories, many of them draped with graceful festoons of the gray Spanish moss, that overarch the street and walks, and among these are interspersed tall tropical palms, glossy-leaved magnolias, fragrant lilies and coral-berried holly, and many other varieties, while in many places the wild grape, the trumpet vine and the amplexoid climber cling among the branches forming shady bowers and adding grace and beauty.

The town lies parallel with the Halifax River, and extends for nearly two miles along the shore. This river is the delight of the angler and the yachtsman and forms one of the town's greatest attractions. The main avenues that run parallel with or intersect the river are all ten feet wide except Beach street, which is about sixty-five feet, but has a half-mile of open, beautiful water abutting upon its eastern side, where the salt waves ebb and flow and along and across which comes the cooling, invigorating and health-giving breeze from off the wide Atlantic, which temper and render the Halifax climate one of the most perfect in the world. Daytona has many miles of well-graded, marled and shelled roads and streets, rendering it the

**Wheelman's Paradise**  
and added to these, but a mile away, are thirty miles of smooth, hard beach, that affords an unrivalled course for long distance cycling and driving or automobile racing. No town of equal size, North or South, numbers so many wheelmen, and cycling is a favorite pastime with the tourists summer and winter.

**The Beautiful Cottages**  
that have been erected during the past years and are being built are rendering Daytona as famous for its fine homes as for its beautiful river, trees and avenues, and they are adding greatly to its attractions.

Not the least of these attractions to those securing homes in the South, and ranking second only to healthfulness and perfection of climate, is the fact that its population is chiefly composed of cultivated and intelligent people, accustomed to the refinements of home and social life. Added to these features are good churches, good public and private schools, stores, hotels, laundry, meat markets, novelty works, an opera house, electric lights for street and house illumination, a good telephone system, ice factory, Lily Water Works, and hot and cold baths, etc., and everything else can be procured that is necessary to make life comfortable. An important feature in the healthfulness of this town is the

**Water Supply**  
which is derived from numerous flowing wells, of which there are probably 360 in the corporate limits. This flow is secured by boring wells to the depth of from 80 to 120 feet, passing through several strata of rock, and this depth assures purity from all surface contamination. The water is slightly impregnated with magnesia and iron, and holds sulphur in the shape of gas, which soon passes away.

**The Population of Daytona**  
proper is about 1,800. Added to this is a suburban population on main shore and peninsula of about 1,000 at Kingston, Blake, Old Seabreeze or

Goodall, Seabreeze and Silver Beach, which are properly a part of the town and population.

**Daytona Beach**  
lies one mile east of the town. It is approached by three good bridges over the river and well-graded avenues, and is the principal summer resort south of St. Augustine. It has more tourists during the summer than all other places south of that city combined, and is also becoming a favorite winter resort. The beach is wide, firm and smooth, by many considered the finest in the world, and the surf bathing is safe and excellent summer and winter. People who have tried Northern and Western summer resorts declare that there are none so perfect in comfort as Daytona beach.

**Automobile Race Meet.**  
The Florida East Coast Automobile Association conducts an annual race meet on the beach, which has now a universal reputation as the greatest automobile race course in the world. The Daytona Grand Prix is held on the beach, and an ideal stretch of thirty or more miles without a break makes it the natural racing ground for America.

At low tide the beach is bare for 300 feet and neither carriage wheel, bicycle or pedestrian can make a hardly visible imprint on the smooth and well-packed sand. It is so common sight to see sail-rigged bicycles speeding with the velocity of the wind before a stiff breeze along the smooth beach, thus affording the most exhilarating sport known to man. Besides the regular of hand-shelled, pointed hulkers, and an ideal stretch of the wheel and vehicles into direct touch with the mainland over the broad bridges which span the splendid Halifax River.

The beach from the sandy bluffs to the lowest point at oblique, measures about 500 feet, and the average depth of the surf measures about two feet. A continuous gentle swell rolls in from the ocean from one to two feet in depth under normal conditions, making the beach an attractive and absolutely safe place for surf bathing. Here the infant and the old, the grey-haired veteran of many summers, can safely enjoy the luxury of a sea bath throughout the larger part of the year while the strong and expert swimmer can venture out further to test his strength and skill in battling with the invincible powers of the mighty ocean.

**The Peninsula**  
lying between river and ocean is one half mile wide, and is being rapidly improved, and there are many fine cottages and several good hotels, a pavilion, two ocean piers, beach pavilion and a large casino.

**A Remarkable Feature**  
at Daytona has been the yearly improvement in the style and value of the buildings that are being erected for homes. Men of capital of the North and West have become awakened to the advantages for winter residences, and valuable lots are being purchased and costly houses, beautiful in design and finish, are being erected, and beautiful homes, the abode of wealth and culture are multiplying. Seabreeze (City Beautiful) and Goodall are settlements on the fishing side of the peninsula across the Halifax River from Daytona.

At the foot of Ocean Boulevard, Seabreeze, a pier reaches 600 feet across the beach into the swelling surf of the ocean. This pier is a favorite resort of those who delight in the sport of fishing. The surf here abounds in trout, pompano, yellowtail, cavale, whiting, drum, sheepshead and many other varieties of edible fish. During the fall season the famous sea bass affords royal sport, and it has been no uncommon occurrence to land a thousand pounds of this gamey fish in an afternoon. Not only does the ocean offer this splendid sport but the Halifax River, only half a mile back of the ocean, is equally famous for its fine fishing, and the varieties that abound in the ocean are present in the river. Hunting and fishing good. Experienced guides and dogs may be had at reasonable prices.



Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hines, of Jacksonville, spent Sunday in Daytona.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flagler arrived in St. Augustine, Saturday on a special. They were met at the depot by Mr. Flagler's automobile, and were driven to the Ponce de Leon. They will enjoy the comforts of their private suite of rooms at the Ponce de Leon until after Christmas, when they will go to Palm Beach for the season.

George H. P. Hewlet and family, well-known residents of Cleveland, will arrive in the city early in January to remain during the winter. Mr. Hewlet will occupy his hand-some new home on North Ridgewood Avenue, now in its last stages of completion. Some time ago he invented an unloading machine for vessels, and now he is interested in a large manufacturing concern which is putting the machine on the market. Mr. Hewlet and family will be a desirable acquisition to our winter population and every one will be glad to have them here.

**Sunday at the Churches.**  
Yesterday was the second Sunday in Advent, attendance at the various places of worship was large. At the evening services there was a falling off in the attendance, due to the cold weather.

**Many Salesmen Here.**  
At this season of the year the various stores in the city are replenishing their stocks, and in consequence quite a number of traveling salesmen representing various branches of business, have been in the city of late visiting the trade. Among those spending Saturday here were W. E. Colton, R. H. McClung and Louis Hubbard. The two latter hail from Jacksonville.

**BORN.**  
Born to Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Van Valzah, at Daytona Beach, Saturday morning a winsome little daughter.

**Council Will Meet Tonight.**  
The city council is scheduled to meet this evening in regular session. There will be quite a number of matters to come up at this meeting, and it is expected there will be a lively time.

**Now Fairly Launched.**  
W. H. Stevens, correspondent for the Time-Union, thus says: "The Daily News is now fairly launched, and Editor Fitzgerald feels greatly encouraged over the prospects of the winter's business. Everett M. Carova, of St. Augustine, one of the most brilliant writers in the State, is local editor of the News, and he is a hustler."

**General and Mrs. James Patterson** and their son Clyde Patterson, of Point Chautauque, N. Y., after spending several days in the city, have gone to Seabreeze, where they will spend the winter. They have leased the Charles Balough cottage. They were here three years ago, and find this is the best portion of Florida in which to spend their winters.

**Wm. Deitch**, one of the managers of the Palm Beach Gun Club, has arrived from the North, and preparations have been commenced to get the grounds in readiness for the opening of the season in January.—West Palm Beach Sun.

Mr. Deitch was in the city recently and secured his launch before going south.

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